

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, line 21 – page 16, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

To provide lateral support for the intermediate portions of retention units 200 spanning the distance between corresponding support units 100, one or more brace units 300 may be employed in each barrier section 15. Each brace unit 300 includes an elongate stabilizing member 310 from which one or more tie members 320 transversely extend to engage the intermediate portion of at least one retention unit 200. Preferably, stabilizing member 310 is formed with a pole portion 312 having a plurality of coupling holes 315 formed therealong. Tie member 320 is formed with a collar portion 322 which telescopically engages pole portion 312 of stabilizing member 310 for adjustable axial displacement along its length. Collar portion 322 is formed with diametrically opposed coupling holes 325 to receive a pin 324 321 or other fastening member when aligned with corresponding coupling holes 315 of stabilizing member pole portion 312. Tie member 320 is thereby locked in releasable manner at a selected position along stabilizing member 310.